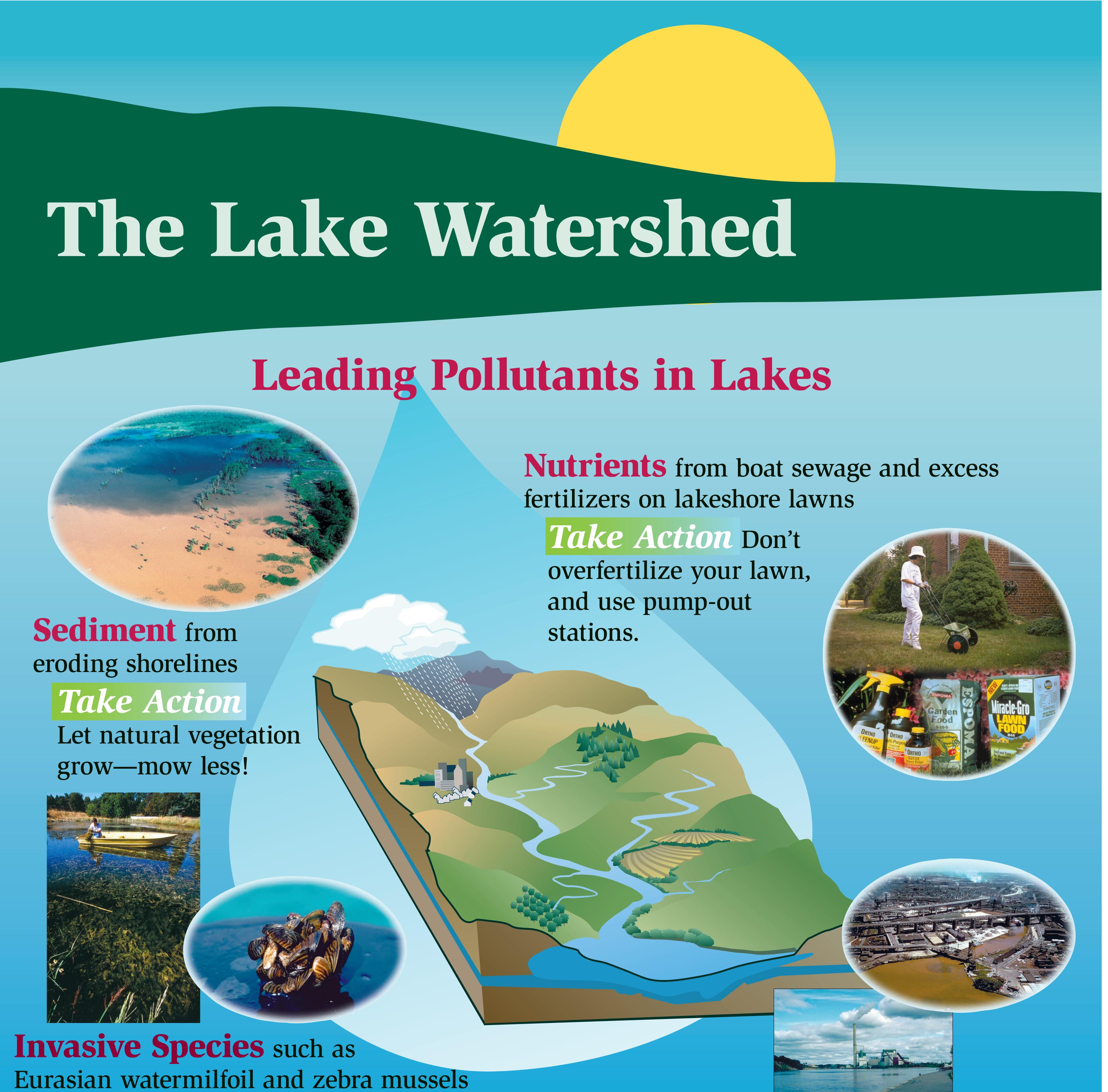
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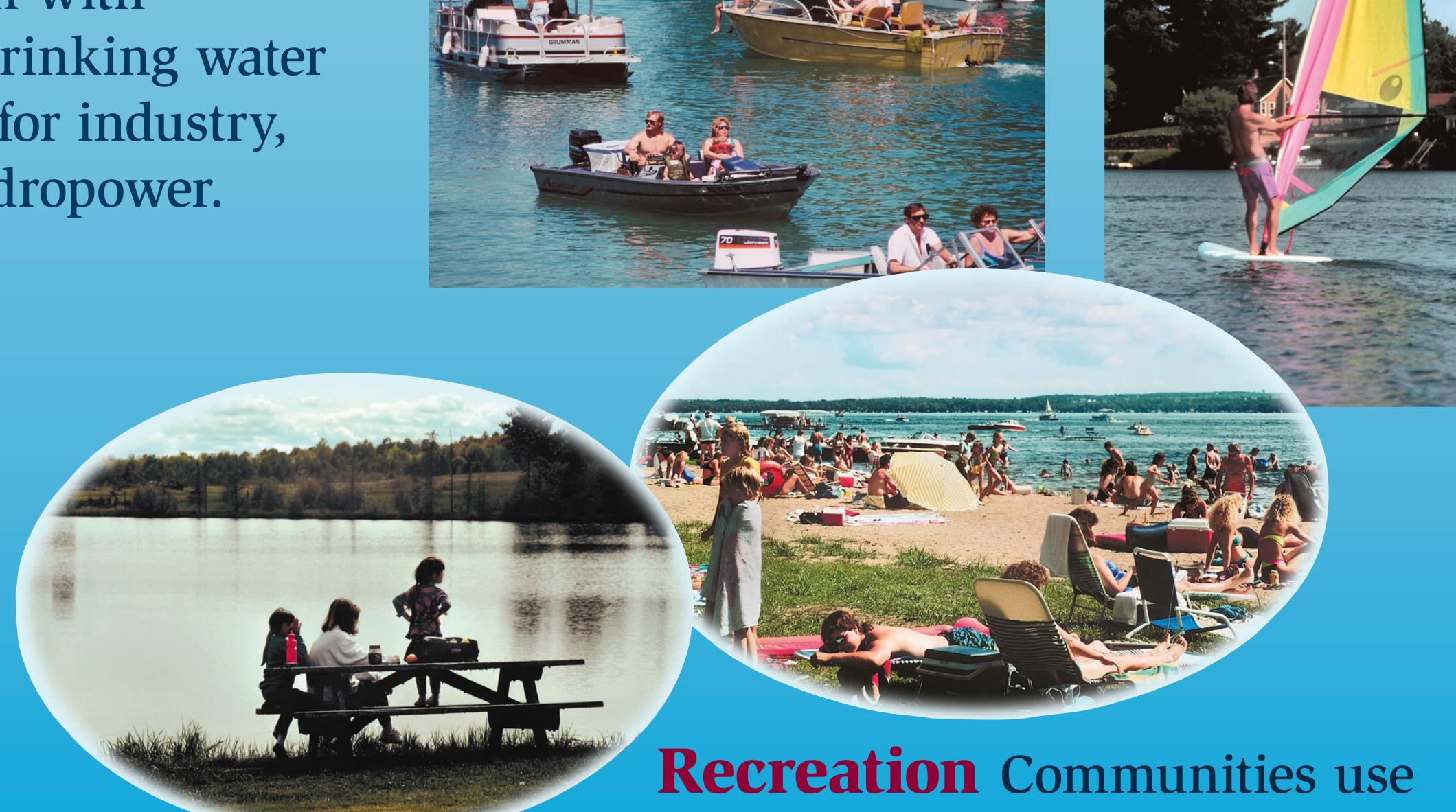
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Drinking Water Freshwater inland lakes and reservoirs provide our Nation with 70 percent of its drinking water and supply water for industry, irrigation, and hydropower.



Irrigation Lakes serve as a source of irrigation water for domestic, industrial, and agricultural uses.



Recreation Communities use lakes for water-based recreational opportunities such as waterskiing, swimming, and boating.

Did You Know...

- About 43 percent of the Nation's 40.6 million lake and reservoir acres are assessed?
- 55 percent of assessed lake acres fully support all of their uses such as fishing and swimming?
- Excess levels of nutrients, metals (primarily mercury), and sedimentation are leading pollution problems in lakes?
- Top sources of these problems are farmland runoff, hydrologic modifications, and polluted urban runoff?



Mant to know more?

Visit the 2000 National Water Quality Inventory at www.epa.gov/owow/lakes